

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 2 and the added drawing of -- Fig. 2B--.

The attached sheet of drawing, which includes Fig 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2.

In Figure 2, reference character -- **26** -- has been added to indicate a wheel stud. New Figure 2B has been added to clearly show internal threads **26a** in wheel stud **26**.

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	Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1)
	New Sheet (1)

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended specification and made revisions to the drawings. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-14 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims.

In the Office Action of March 20, 2006, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner required that the wheel studs, having an internally threaded bore as set forth in Claims 1 and 12, must be clearly shown in the drawings.

Two of the claimed wheel studs are shown in Fig. 2. Only one of the studs is labeled as 26. To further clarify this feature, Fig. 2 has been amended to also label the other stud. Fig 2B has been added to clearly show internal threads in the stud. Support for this feature can be found in the third paragraph on page 5 of the specification. It is believed that the drawings are now in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.83(a).

The Examiner questioned the clarity of Figure 2A and rejected Claims 1, 3, 5-9 and 11-14 as being based on a non-enabling disclosure. Applicant respectfully traverses these particular grounds of criticism. It is believed that the Examiner may have overlooked the amendment to the specification filed on July 15, 2005 when formulating the above objection and rejection. In this amendment, Applicant amended the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 of the specification. This amended paragraph is believed to fully explain the reasons for externally threading the inner end of the shaft and the function of the pin 51b to further stabilize the shaft. The insertion of pins to further stabilize rotating shafts is conventional in the art and the method by which

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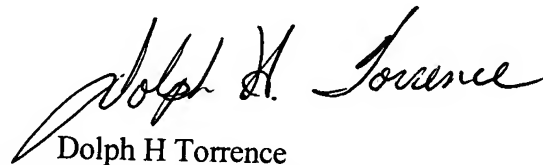
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such pins are inserted is well known. The stabilizing pins and openings for their insertion are not part of the inventive concept, per se, and are not claimed. Thus, it was not considered necessary to show the details of the opening in plate 40 through which the stabilizing pin 51b is inserted. Such an opening in the plate and in the wheel would be an obvious feature to one skilled in the art.

It is considered that the disclosure, as amended, is fully enabling. The Examiner is requested to further specify any lack of clarity if the explanations are still deemed to be insufficient.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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